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Alpena Community College awarded state funding in Capital Outlay budget

LANSING – Approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee today, Alpena Community College will receive approximately \$2 million in state funding for their “Pathways to the Future” development project, announced State Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland.

“This is great news for Alpena Community College,” said Stamas, vice chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. “The school needs these funds to push ahead with their plans. This money will allow Alpena Community College to move forward, continuing their tradition of excellence serving the students and local community.”

Alpena Community College will use the \$3.5 million, including the \$1.6 million raised by the college, to fund the expansion, update and improvement of their computer lab, natural science lab and fine arts instructional facility.

“I am pleased to learn that the Legislature has given our proposal the green light and that we will be able to start construction on our Pathways project this year,” said Alpena Community College President Olin Joynton. “The positive impact on our educational community and the boost to our local economy cannot be overstated. These state funds will put people to work in Northeast Michigan and train countless more for future career opportunities. I commend our legislative leaders for their continued support of Alpena Community College.”

Construction on the Pathways to the Future project is slated to begin later this year.

The Capital Outlay budget will now go before the full Senate for a vote and will then head to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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